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MOLINE, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **James A. Hernandez**, 41, Moline, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson **to ten years and one month in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Hernandez entered a guilty plea on April 7, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine.

Melgren said that Hernandez admitted at his plea that on May 2, 2002, KBI agents searched his residence and found a clandestine methamphetamine lab and 26 grams of methamphetamine that Hernandez admitted manufacturing. Hernandez further admitted that he intended to sell the methamphetamine.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.